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1. GIVEN POUCH SCHEDULE AM RESPONDING TELEGRAPHICALLY
TO YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 5 REGARDING CERTAIN
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS.

2. (A). RESIDENCE GARDEN IS ENCLOSED BY WALLS AND
FENCE. DOGS MAY ROAM THERE IN REASONABLE SECURITY.

(B). THERE IS ENOUGH LINEN IN RESIDENCE TO TIDE
YOU OVER UNTIL EFFECTS ARRIVE.

(C). ROCKWELLS' HOUSEKEEPER IS PREPARING MEMO
REGARDING DETAILS ABOUT SERVANTS, CAVEATS, STORE-
ROOMS, ETC.,

(D). CHINA AND GLASSWARE IN RESIDENCE SUFFICIENT.

(E). THERE HAS NOT BEEN A GREAT DEAL HAPPENING HERE
IN THE WAY OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, EITHER AMERICAN
OR MOROCCAN. THERE IS AN AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSO-
CIATION WHICH RUNS A LIBRARY AND RAISES MONEY FOR
CHARITIES; THERE ARE PTAS IN RABAT AND KENITRA;
THERE IS A MUSLO WIVES GROUP; THERE ARE VARIOUS
SMALL CHURCH GROUP, THERE ARE GARDEN AND
COOKING CLUBS; THERE IS A LITTLE THEATRE GROUP;
THERE ARE BOY SCOUTS AND LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL;
AND THERE ARE OCCASINAL COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AT
KENITRA OR SIDI YAHYA IN WHICH YOU MAY BE INVOLVED.

WE ARE GETTING TOGETHER SOME DETAILS ON THESE
ACTIVITIES AND WILL TRY TO GET THEM TO YOU BEFORE
YOU LEAVE WASHINGTON.

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(F). AM SENDING YOU A COPY OF THE PROTOCOL HANDOUT

USED AT THE POST. CALLS FOLLOW THE NORMAL PATTERN, EXCEPT THAT THERE IS NOTICEABLY LESS CALLING BY THE LADIES THAN WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED AT OTHER POSTS. AM DRAWING UP PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS AND CALLS, ETC., AND HOPE TO HAVE TO YOU BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON.

(G). AS TO FORMALITY OF ENTERTAINING HERE, THERE ARE VARIOUS STATE OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR WHICH YOU WILL REQUIRE MORNING COAT AND STRIPED TROUSERS. YOUR WIFE WILL BE INVITED TO SOME OF THESE AND WILL NEED LONG DRESSES. THERE ARE ALSO RARE OCCASIONS, SUCH AS PRESENT VISIT OF HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, WHEN ONE NEEDS A WHITE TIE AS WELL. MOST ENTERTAINING IS IN TENUE DE VILLE, HOWEVER, WITH OCCASIONAL BLACK TIE DINNERS. DANCES ARE RARE. DINNERS ARE USUALLY SEATED, PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUR AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES, AND SOME CAN BE RATHER STIFF, BUT THERE ARE NO SPECIAL RULES OR HAZARDS HERE. MOROCCAN ENTERTAINMENT, EXCEPT ON STATE OCCASION, IS USUALLY INFORMAL AND RELAXED, IN THE FORM OF LARGE BUFFETS.

(H). THERE IS A LOCKED SAFE IN THE RESIDENCE. THERE IS A FISHER FUTURA STEREO RECORD PLAYER BUT IT IS IN POOR CONDITION. WE WILL TRY AGAIN TO HAVE IT REPAIRED BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL BUT IF YOU LIKE MUSIC I SUGGEST YOU BRING YOUR OWN SET. YOU CAN ALSO BUY STEREO EQUIPMENT AT KENITRA OR ROTA PX'S.

(I). AMBASSADOR REPORTS FOOD AND LIQUOR WILL ALL BE CONSUMED BY TIME HIS DEPARTURE. WE WILL RE-STOCK HOUSE PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL.

3. YOUR PRACTICE OF NOT ACCEPTING INVITATIONS ON WEEK-END WILL NOT POSE PROBLEMS HERE. EMBASSY CLOSES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. INVITATIONS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ARE RELATIVELY INFREQUENT AND SUGGEST YOU PICK THOSE TWO DAYS AS ONES ON WHICH YOU WILL NOT GO OUT OR RECEIVE. IF YOU AGREE, WE WILL PASS WORD BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL. ROCKWELL

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